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SUBJECT: SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE: LTDP PORTION

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REFS: (A) USNATO 5242 (DTG 241223Z MAY 78)
(B) USNATO 5241 (DTG 241204Z MAY 78)

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE SUMMIT
COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THE LTDP (REF A) REPRESENTS THE
OPTIMUM COVERAGE THAT WE CAN REASONABLY EXPECT.
INDEED, SOME SUPPORT (REF B) IS LIKELY TO MELT AWAY
FOR THIS RELATIVELY EXPANSIVE APPROACH AT THE 25 MAY
DRAFTING SESSION WHEN DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS
(DENMARK, FRG AND ITALY ARE LIKELY TO PREFER A MORE
ABBREVIATED TEXT). WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR
STRUCTURING THE COMMUNIQUE AS A COHERENT WHOLE.

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2. IN OUR VIEW, OUR OBJECTIVE AT THE 25 MAY DRAFTING
SESSION SHOULD BE TO TRY TO RETAIN AS MUCH OF THE TEXT
(INCLUDING THE NEW PARA 5 WHICH PROVIDES A FITTING
CONCLUSION TO THE LTDP SECTION) AS WE CAN AND GET RID
OF THE PROPOSED TURKISH ADDITION TO PARA 4. IN THIS
REGARD, IT WOULD HELP TACTICALLY IF WE WERE PREPARED
TO ACCEPT SOME COMPROMISE TO OUR BRACKETED LANGUAGE

IN PARA 4 CONCERNING THE "STUDY ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY." THOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO GET THIS LANGUAGE IN THE DPC COMMUNIQUE, WE ARE ISOLATED IN OUR EFFORT TO CARRY IT FORWARD TO THE SUMMIT. AS INDICATED (REF B), ALLIES OBJECT BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF THE PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL BUREAUCRACIES AND BECAUSE IT IS TOO MUNDANE A POINT FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. ONE POSSIBLE COMPROMISE WOULD BE TO TRY FOR "STRENGTHENING OF IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY." IF A COMPROMISE CANNOT BE FOUND, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FALL OFF AND ENCOURAGE THE TURKS TO DO THE SAME ON THEIR BRACKETED LANGUAGE.

3. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FROM WASHINGTON ON SPECIFIC WORDING IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT FOR THE SUMMIT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY 00B 25 MAY. GLITMAN

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